



Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) University of Maryland Funded SREB Doctoral Scholar Award

The **Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit interstate compact headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. It was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislators who recognized the link between education and economic vitality. SREB works side-by-side with policymakers such as state legislators and education agency officials as they implement policies to help students achieve more. They are committed to cultivating a community of scholars who bring varied life experiences to academia and choose academe as a career pathway, ultimately creating a higher education environment that reflects the fabric of our nation. More information about SREB can be found at sreb.org.

The SREB State Doctoral Scholars Program

The [SREB State Doctoral Scholars Program](#) empowers doctoral students from various backgrounds and experiences by providing comprehensive support, mentorship, and professional development opportunities that address unique barriers to persistence and degree attainment.

Several states provide funding for this program. Additionally, SREB invites institutions and other organizations to become an [Institutional Funding Partner](#) for the program. The University of Maryland Graduate School and a student's program partner to provide up to 3 institutionally-funded SREB Doctoral Scholars Awards.

Eligible students will be entering their first or second year of a UMD doctoral program at College Park. Please check the [SREB website](#) for additional information about eligibility.

Institutionally Funded SREB Doctoral Scholar Award

The [Institutionally Funded SREB Doctoral Scholar Award](#) is a 3-year award and comes with full-time graduate assistantship support from the program, tuition assistance for up to 10 credits, and a credit for mandatory fees (spring and fall) for each award year. There is no additional stipend. All SREB Doctoral Scholars are asked to attend the **SREB Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring** for each award year.

The SREB Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring is a comprehensive initiative that provides focus, community, and professional development to strengthen pathways to advanced careers in academia and industry, developing highly skilled professionals ready for research and leadership roles in high-demand areas. SREB will contact SREB Doctoral Scholars about attendance.



The Graduate School & UMD Program Agreement

As an Institutional Funding Partner, The Graduate School and the UMD program agree to work together to create the required SREB funding package for a student awarded the SREB Doctoral Scholar Award.

1. **Annual SREB Fee:** The Graduate School and the nominating department/program agree to a 50/50 cost-share of the \$3,250 annual SREB fee. This fee needs to be paid each year for three years.
2. **Graduate Assistantship Support:** The nominating department/program agrees to provide full-time graduate assistantship support to the SREB Scholar for 3 years, and
3. **Credit for Mandatory Fees:** The Graduate School agrees to pay the mandatory fees for each SREB Scholar for the spring and fall semesters for each of the three years.

Nomination Instructions

Programs may nominate up to one eligible candidate for the Institutionally Funded Doctoral Scholar Award. Information about eligibility can be found on the [SREB website](#).

Nomination Deadline: April 30, 2026.

Complete nominations include:

1. **The nomination cover sheet** (*Page 3*)
2. **A nomination letter** from the Director of Graduate Studies addressing the strength of the student.
3. **A one-page student-written statement** outlining how they will benefit from the SREB Doctoral Scholar Program.
4. **The student's CV.**

Please gather the above materials as four separate PDF files and submit to [the Awards Portal](#).

Contact Information

Please direct questions the Office of Funding Opportunities (Robyn Kotzker / rkotzker@umd.edu).



Institutionally Funded SREB Doctoral Scholar Award
Nomination Cover Sheet

Nomination materials include: 1) this nomination cover sheet, 2) a nomination letter, 3) a one-page statement from the student, and 4) the student's C.V.

Programs, please gather assemble nomination materials as 4 separate files and submit them to the Awards Portal by April 30, 2026.

Nominee's name: _____

Directory ID or (UMD Email address): _____

College/School (use 4-letter code): _____

Department (use 4-letter code): _____

Advisor: _____

Director of Graduate Studies: _____

Confirmation of Support

Program's support package for Doctoral Scholar:

AY 26-27 _____

AY 27-28 _____

AY 28-29 _____

Partnering agreement (The Graduate School and UMD Program)

The Graduate School and the nominating department/program agree to a 50/50 cost-share of the \$3,250 Doctoral Scholar Award annual fee. This fee needs to be paid each year for three years. _____(DGS initials)

The nominating department/program agrees to provide full-time graduate assistantship support to the student for 3 years. _____(DGS initials)

DGS Signature _____ Date _____

Please direct questions to Robyn Kotzker
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